MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to present the budget estimates for the year 1109. This is the first budget presented before both the Chambers of the Legislature constituted under Regulation II of 1108. With the passing of the new Regulation, the expenditure relating to Ports Currency and Mint, State Charities and Railways which was non-votable under the old Regulation has been made votable. Further, the expenditure relating to all appointments carrying a salary of less than Rs 500 per mensem is now brought within the purview of the Legislature, as against the limit of Rs 125 per mensem fixed under the oldRegulation.

The draft budget for the year 1109 has been prepared on the above basis and the revised estimate figures for 1108 have also been adjusted suitably, wherever possible.

Now I shall briefly touch upon the results of the last completed financial year before proceeding to explain the revised estimates for the current year and the budget estimates for the next year.

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2. The ordinary revenue and expenditure charged to revenue for 1107 were Rs 219·28 lakhs and Rs 218·90 lakhs respectively against the revised estimate of Rs 215·42 lakhs and Rs 221·42 lakhs. The year thus closed with a small surplus of Rs ·38 of a lakh as against the anticipated deficit of Rs 6·00 lakhs. This improvement was brought about by the increase in revenue realisations to the extent of Rs 3·86 lakhs and by savings in the anticipated expenditure which amounted to Rs 2·52 lakhs. The increase in revenue was mainly under Stamps (1·81), Salt (·85), Forest (·67), Customs (·39) and Registration (·48), due to better collections during the latter part of the year. The receipts under Taxes on Income and Excise, however, declined by Rs ·30 of a lakh and Rs ·48 of a lakh, respectively. On the expenditure side, the decrease was mostly under Education (1·10) and Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements and Protective Irrigation (1·23), due to the lapse of budget provision under the above heads. The receipts from the Sale of Government lands and the Capital Expenditure not charged to revenue amounted to Rs 1·30 lakhs and Rs 20·34 lakhs respectively as against the revised estimates of Rs 1·50 lakhs and Rs 19·02 lakhs. The Government Account balance which was expected to stand at Rs 117·97 lakhs thus rose to Rs 122·84 lakhs at the close of the year.

Before passing on to the revised estimates for the current year, I shall explain briefly the more important changes in classification adopted in the budget.

(1) The Kandukrishi lands of all kinds lying scattered throughout the State are the personal and private property of His Highness the Maha Raja and His Highness has full proprietory rights over these

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